#### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

| IN RE: NATIONAL FOOTBALL<br>LEAGUE PLAYERS' CONCUSSION | No. 12-md-2323 (AB)        |
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| INJURY LITIGATION                                      | MDL No. 2323               |
|  | SHORT FORM COMPLAINT       |
| THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO:                              | IN RE: NATIONAL FOOTBALL   |
| Plaintiffs' Master Administrative Long-                | LEAGUE PLAYERS' CONCUSSION |
| Form Complaint and (if applicable)                     | INJURY LITIGATION          |
| Robert Kuechenberg, et al.                             |                            |
| v. National Football League [et al.],                  |                            |
| No. 2:12-cv-03535-AB                                   | JURY TRIAL DEMANDED        |
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### SHORT FORM COMPLAINT

- 1. Plaintiff(s), <u>Carl Greenwood</u>, (and, if applicable, Plaintiff's Spouse) \_\_\_\_\_\_, bring(s) this civil action as a related action in the matter entitled IN RE: NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYERS' CONCUSSION INJURY LITIGATION, MDL No. 2323.
- 2. Plaintiff (and, if applicable, Plaintiff's Spouse) is/are filing this short form complaint as required by this Court's Case Management Order No. 2, filed April 26, 2012.
- 3. Plaintiff (and, if applicable Plaintiff's Spouse), incorporate(s) by reference the allegations (as designated below) of the Master Administrative Long-Form Complaint, as may be amended, as if fully set forth at length in this Short Form Complaint.

| 4.           | [Fill in if applicable] P   | laintiff is filing this cas | se in a representative capacity as the                                  |
|--------------|---|-----------------------------|---|
|              | of  |                             | _, having been duly appointed as the                                    |
|              | by the  | Court of                    | . (Cross out  |
| sentence be  | elow if not applicable.) Cop  | pies of the Letters of A    | dministration/Letters Testamentary                                      |
| for a wrong  | gful death claim are annexe   | d hereto if such Letters    | are required for the commencement                                       |
| of such a cl | aim by the Probate, Surrog  | ate or other appropriate    | e court of the jurisdiction of the                                      |
| decedent.    |   |                             |   |
| 5.           | Plaintiff, Carl Greenwo   |                             |   |
|              |   | and claims                  | damages as set forth below.   |
| 6.           | [Fill in if applicable] Pl  | laintiff's spouse,          | , is a resident and   |
| citizen of _ | , and   | claims damages as a res     | sult of loss of consortium  |
| proximately  | y caused by the harm suffer   | red by her Plaintiff husl   | pand/decedent.  |
| 7.           | On information and bel  | ief, the Plaintiff (or dec  | cedent) sustained repetitive,   |
| traumatic si | ub-concussive and/or concu  | ussive head impacts dur     | ring NFL games and/or practices.  |
| On informa   | ation and belief, Plaintiff su  | ffers (or decedent suffe    | ered) from symptoms of brain injury                                     |
| caused by t  | he repetitive, traumatic sub  | o-concussive and/or con     | cussive head impacts the Plaintiff                                      |
| (or deceden  | nt) sustained during NFL ga   | ames and/or practices.      | On information and belief,  |
| the Plaintif | f's (or decedent's) sympton   | ns arise from injuries th   | nat are latent and have developed                                       |
| and continu  | ne to develop over time.  |                             |   |
| in County of | or Court of the State of California, Los Angeles on May 4, 2012 Court of the State of California, |                             | y Plaintiff(s) in this matter was filed anded, it should be remanded to |

| 9.             | Plaint       | iff claims damages as a result of [check all that apply]:              |
|----------------|--------------|--|
|                | <b>√</b>     | Injury to Herself/Himself  |
|                |              | Injury to the Person Represented                                       |
|                |              | Wrongful Death   |
|                |              | Survivorship Action  |
|                | $\checkmark$ | Economic Loss  |
|                |              | Loss of Services   |
|                |              | Loss of Consortium   |
| 10.            | [Fill in     | n if applicable] As a result of the injuries to her husband,           |
|                |              | , Plaintiff's Spouse,, suffers from a                                  |
| loss of conso  | rtium, ii    | ncluding the following injuries:                                       |
| lo             | oss of ma    | arital services;   |
|                | oss of co    | mpanionship, affection or society;                                     |
| lo             | oss of su    | pport; and   |
| m              | onetary      | losses in the form of unreimbursed costs she has had to expend for the |
| health         | n care ar    | nd personal care of her husband.                                       |
| 11.            | [Chec        | k if applicable] Plaintiff (and Plaintiff's Spouse, if applicable)     |
| reserve(s) the | e right to   | object to federal jurisdiction.  |

### **DEFENDANTS**

| 12.           | Plaint       | iff (and Plaintiff's Spouse, if applicable) bring(s) this case against the |
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| following De  | efendant     | s in this action [check all that apply]:                                   |
|               | $\checkmark$ | National Football League   |
|               | $\checkmark$ | NFL Properties, LLC  |
|               | $\checkmark$ | Riddell, Inc.  |
|               | $\checkmark$ | All American Sports, Inc. (d/b/a Riddell Sports Group, Inc.)               |
|               | $\checkmark$ | Riddell Sports Group, Inc.   |
|               | $\checkmark$ | Easton-Bell Sports, Inc.   |
|               | $\checkmark$ | Easton-Bell Sports, LLC  |
|               | $\checkmark$ | EB Sports Corporation  |
|               | $\checkmark$ | RBG Holdings Corporation   |
| 13.           | [Chec        | k where applicable] As to each of the Riddell Defendants referenced above  |
| the claims as | sserted a    | re: design defect; manufacturing defect.                                   |
| 14.           | [Chec        | k if applicable]  The Plaintiff (or decedent) wore one or more helmets     |
| designed and  | d/or man     | ufactured by the Riddell Defendants during one or more years Plaintiff (or |
| decedent) pla | ayed in t    | he NFL and/or AFL.   |
| 15.           | Plaint       | iff played in [check if applicable]  the National Football League          |
| ("NFL") and   | l/or in [cl  | heck if applicable] the American Football League ("AFL") during            |
|               |              |  |

| 1995-1996        |              | for the following teams:  |
|------------------|--------------|---|
| New York Jets    |              |   |
|                  |              |   |
|                  |              |   |
|                  |              |   |
|                  |              | CAUSES OF ACTION  |
| 16. I            | Plaintii     | ff herein adopts by reference the following Counts of the Master      |
| Administrative   | Long-        | Form Complaint, along with the factual allegations incorporated by    |
| reference in tho | se Cou       | unts [check all that apply]:  |
| [                | <b>√</b>     | Count I (Action for Declaratory Relief – Liability (Against the NFL)) |
| [                | $\checkmark$ | Count II (Medical Monitoring (Against the NFL))                       |
| [                |              | Count III (Wrongful Death and Survival Actions (Against the NFL))     |
| [                | <b>√</b>     | Count IV (Fraudulent Concealment (Against the NFL))                   |
|                  | <b>√</b>     | Count V (Fraud (Against the NFL))                                     |
| [                | <b>√</b>     | Count VI (Negligent Misrepresentation (Against the NFL))              |
| [                |              | Count VII (Negligence Pre-1968 (Against the NFL Defendants))          |
| [                | <b>√</b>     | Count VIII (Negligence Post-1968 (Against the NFL Defendants))        |
| [                |              | Count IX (Negligence 1987-1993 (Against the NFL Defendants))          |
| Г                | <b>√</b>     | Count X (Negligence Post-1994 (Against the NFL Defendants))           |

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|       |              | Count XI (Loss of Consortium (Against the NFL and Riddell Defendants))       |
|-------|--------------|--|
|       | $\checkmark$ | Count XII (Negligent Hiring (Against the NFL))                               |
|       | $\checkmark$ | Count XIII (Negligent Retention (Against the NFL))                           |
|       | $\checkmark$ | Count XIV (Strict Liability for Design Defect (Against the Riddell           |
|       |              | Defendants))   |
|       |              | Count XV (Strict Liability for Manufacturing Defect (Against the Riddell     |
|       |              | Defendants))   |
|       | $\checkmark$ | Count XVI (Failure to Warn (Against the Riddell Defendants))                 |
|       | $\checkmark$ | Count XVII (Negligence (Against the Riddell Defendants))                     |
|       | $\checkmark$ | Count XVIII (Civil Conspiracy/Fraudulent Concealment (Against NFL            |
|       |              | Defendants))   |
| 17.   | Plaint       | tiff asserts the following additional causes of action [write in or attach]: |
| SEE A | ATTAC        | HMENT "A" TO THIS COMPLAINT.   |
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#### PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff (and Plaintiff's Spouse, if applicable) pray(s) for judgment as follows:

- A. An award of compensatory damages, the amount of which will be determined at trial;
- B. For punitive and exemplary damages as applicable;
- C. For all applicable statutory damages of the state whose laws will govern this action;
- D. For medical monitoring, whether denominated as damages or in the form of equitable relief;
- E. For an award of attorneys' fees and costs;
- F. An award of prejudgment interest and costs of suit; and
- G. An award of such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

#### **JURY DEMANDED**

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 38, Plaintiff(s) hereby demand(s) a trial by jury.

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# ATTACHMENT "A" TO SHORT FORM COMPLAINT

# COUNT XIX NEGLIGENCE - Monopolist (As Against the NFL)

- 1. The NFL, by and through its monopoly power, has historically had a duty to invoke rules that protect the health and safety of its players, including Plaintiffs, and the public.
- 2. As a monopoly, the NFL has a duty to protect the health and safety of its players, as well as the public at large.
- 3. The NFL's failure to exercise reasonable care in its duty increased the risk that the Plaintiffs would suffer long-term neurocognitive injuries.
- 4. The Plaintiffs reasonably relied to their detriment on the NFL's actions and omissions on the subject.
- 5. Under all of the above circumstances, it was foreseeable that the NFL's failure to exercise reasonable care in the execution of its duties would cause or substantially contribute to the personal injuries suffered by the Plaintiffs.
- 6. The NFL's failure to exercise reasonable care in the execution of its duties proximately caused or contributed to Plaintiffs' injuries.
- 7. As a result of the NFL's negligence, the NFL is liable to Plaintiffs, and the Plaintiffs are entitled to, and seek, all damages allowed by applicable law.

# COUNT XX NEGLIGENCE (As Against the NFL and NFL Properties)

8. The NFL and NFL Properties breached their duty to ensure that the helmets they licensed, required and/or approved were of the highest possible quality and sufficient to protect the NFL players, including Plaintiffs, and/or they increased the plaintiffs' risks of the long term health consequences of concussive brain injury.

- 9. The NFL and NFL Properties breached their duty by licensing the Riddell Defendants' helmets, and approving and/or requiring the use of the helmets for the NFL players, knowing or having reason to know that the helmets were negligently and defectively designed and/or lacked an adequate warning.
- 10. As a result of these breaches by the NFL and NFL Properties, Plaintiffs suffer personal injuries as a result the long-term health effects of concussive brain injuries.
- 11. As a result of the NFL and NFL Properties' negligence, the NFL Defendants are liable to Plaintiffs, and the Plaintiffs are entitled to, and seek, all damages allowed by applicable law.